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OPENING, CLOSING

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OF THE

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OF THE

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[*R. W. G. Council Form.*]

P. R. W. G. CHIEF.

R. W. G. CHIEF.

Desk.

Three Lights *

R. W. G. TREASURER.

R. W. G. SECRETARY.

Desk.

Desk.

R. W. G. MESSENGER.

(Altar.) Five Lights. *

R. W. G. PRELATE. *

* REPRESENTATIVES. *

* REPRESENTATIVES. *

* VISITORS. *

* VISITORS. *

Desk.

R. W. G. VICE-CHIEF.

R. W. G. INSIDE SENTINEL.

R. W. G. OUTSIDE SENTINEL.

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FORM OF CEREMONIES

FOR OPENING THE

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND COUNCIL

Independent Order of St. Luke.

All arrangements having been made for the meeting of the R. W. G. Council, the officers and representatives shall assemble on the day appointed by the R. W. G. Council in such place as may have been arranged, and at the hour agreed upon.

The R. W. G. Chief (or any officer appointed to act) shall call the R. W. G. Council to order with *several raps* of the gavel.

After appointing the Inside and Outside Sentinels, Prelate, and Messenger, temporarily, the R. W. G. Chief (or the officer presiding) will address the assemblage as follows:

Hear ye, all that have assembled within these walls. With your assistance I shall now proceed to open the R. W. G. Council of the I. O. of St. Luke to transact such business as may be presented, trusting that I may have your hearty co-operation in all matters that shall be submitted.

R. W. G. Vice-Chief, you will please see that all officers are at their several positions; that the doors of the R. W. G. Council are guarded against intrusion; ascertain if all persons present are worthy members of

the I. O. of St. Luke; if they are clothed in proper regalia, and if they are in possession of the proper pass-word of the Independent Order of St. Luke.

The Right Worthy Grand Vice-Chief will inspect each position; see that it is filled, and that the officers, representatives, and members present are clothed in proper regalia and in possession of the proper pass-word, and report the result as follows:

R. W. G. Vice-Chief.—Right Worthy Grand Chief, all of the officers are at their respective positions; the doors of the R. W. G. Council are securely guarded, and all present are properly regailed, and have proven themselves worthy associates of the R. W. G. Council by the pass-word, and I now await your further instruction.

(The R. W. G. Chief gives two raps, which calls all officers up.)

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Vice-Chief, What are your duties?

R. W. G. Vice-Chief.—It is my duty to assist you in enforcing order and decorum during the sessions of the R. W. G. Council; see that the officers are at their respective stations; that the representatives are properly clothed in regalia, and in possession of the proper pass-word before the R. W. G. Council is opened, and in case of your absence to act and preside for you.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Secretary, What is your duty?

R. W. G. Secretary.—It is my duty to conduct all correspondence of the R. W. G. Council, and keep a just and true account of the proceedings of the R. W. G. Council; receive all moneys from the Subordinate

Councils for the R. W. G. Council; pay the same over to the R. W. G. Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; fill all money orders, by order of the R. W. G. Council or Grand Chief, and perform such other duties as the R. W. G. Council may, from time to time, direct, and submit an annual report of all transactions of this office to the R. W. G. Council.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Treasurer, What is your duty?

R. W. G. Treasurer.—It is my duty to receive all moneys of the R. W. G. Council from the R. W. G. Secretary, giving a receipt for the same; keep a just and true account of all moneys so received and held in trust; pay the same out under the direction of the R. W. G. Council, upon orders duly signed by the R. W. G. Secretary and Chief, with seal of the R. W. G. Council attached, and report the same to the R. W. G. Council annually.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Inside Sentinel, What is your duty?

R. W. G. Inside Sentinel.—It is my duty to keep the inside door of the R. W. G. Council during the time of meeting; see that all the officers and members are clothed in proper regalia and in possession of the proper pass-word before allowing them to enter the R. W. G. Council, unless otherwise ordered by the R. W. G. Vice-Chief.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Outside Sentinel, What is your duty?

R. W. G. Outside Sentinel.—It is my duty to keep the outside door during the session of the R. W. G. Council; allow no person to enter the ante-room without the proper pass-word, unless otherwise ordered by the

R. W. G. Chief; to be responsible for all property remaining in the ante-room while the R. W. G. Council is in session.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Messenger, What is your duty?

R. W. G. Messenger.—It is my duty to see that every necessary preparation is made for the comfort of those in attendance on the session of the R. W. G. Council; to wait upon the officers and members during the session; to bear messages to and from the officers and members during the hours of meeting; to conduct visitors to seats, and during the installation, to conduct officers to their positions, and to perform such other duties as the R. W. G. Council may direct.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Prelate, What is your duty?

R. W. G. Prelate.—It is my duty to officiate at the sacred altar; to conduct devotional exercises before opening and at the closing of each session of the R. W. G. Council.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Vice-Chief and associates, I solicit your assistance in the performance of my duty while I am conducting the business of the R. W. G. Council, and sincerely trust that in our conduct and conversations we may exemplify the principles of honor, temperance, faithfulness, obedience, meekness, charity, and brotherly kindness.

May we so temper our hearts that our motto, "Love, Purity, and Charity," shall at all times be found with us.

(The R. W. G. Chief will now give *three raps*, at which all will rise.)

The following, or some other hymn, will then be sung:

HYMN—L. M.

1 Father of love, whose watchful care
Has kept us through another year;
We would our humble voices raise,
To Thee, our God, in thankful praise.

2 Accept our thanks, our Order bless,
And crown its labors with success.
Guide us from sin and sorrow free:
We pray these blessings, Lord, of Thee.

3 Come, let us join with hands and hearts;
Come, every one and take your part,
With love divine and trust complete,
And pour our offering at His feet.

(The R. W. G. Prelate may select a passage of Scripture, after which prayer shall be offered. During prayer all must kneel.)

After prayer, all will rise; the R. W. G. Chief will address the Grand Council as follows:

Respected associates, I, ... , by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby declare the R. W. G. Council duly opened and ready for business.

(Give one rap, at which all will be seated, and the Grand Council will proceed to business as provided for in the rules of the Order.)

CLOSING CEREMONIES.

(To be used at the final adjournment of the R. W. G. Council.)

The business of the R. W. G. Council being completed, the R. W. G. Chief gives three raps of the gavel, at which all will rise.

CLOSING HYMN—L. M.

Farewell, farewell, each anxious heart;
In God we trust, in Him we part;
Come, let us on His promise rest,
And feel secure within our breast.

Some here to-day may meet no more,
Yet on that bright and happy shore,
There free from sin, yes, toil and pain,
Farewell till we shall meet again.

R. W. G. Chief.—Officers and associates of the R. W. G. Council of the I. O. of St. Luke, our labors of this session have almost been completed, and soon we will separate to return to our several homes and resume our daily avocations.

Before parting, permit me to thank you for your presence and for your assistance rendered the Order by your wisdom and influence during the session; and if, at any time, any unpleasantness may have occurred, I trust that it will be overlooked before our parting.

May the gentle influence of love, with the desire to be pure in heart and a feeling of charity for all mankind, be demonstrated in our lives.

Wishing you all a safe return to your homes, and that your Councils may be attended with peace and prosperity, I now proclaim this R. W. G. Council closed until the . . . . . in . . . . . , 18——, at . . . o'clock.

Benediction by the R. W. G. Prelate.

INSTALLATION CEREMONY

OF THE

RIGHTWORTHY GRAND COUNCIL
Independent Order of St. Luke.

At each session of the R. W. G. Council, before passing the R. W. G. Chief, the R. W. G. Council shall select four P. R. W. G. Chiefs (if this number is not present, then four P. W. Chiefs shall be selected) to conduct the installation of officers.

The R. W. G. Chief acting will give several raps with the gavel, and request the R. W. G. Messenger to present the officers elected and appointed for installation.

All being assembled before the station of the R. W. G. Chief, he (the Chief) will proceed as follows:

Respected associates of the independent Order of St. Luke, by virtue of authority vested in me by the R W. G. Council, Independent Order of St. Luke, I am about to install the Grand Officers for the ensuing term.

If there is any just cause why either of these persons before us should not be installed and entrusted with the welfare of our esteemed Order, let your objections now be made, in the presence of these witnesses.

(If no objection, the installation shall be proceeded with as follows:)

The R. W. G. Messenger salutes the R. W. G. Chief by placing his right hand upon his left breast, and addresses him as follows:

R. W. G. Chief, in the name of the R. W. G. Council, I. O. of St. Luke of the State of Virginia, I present to you the following officers for obligation and installation.

Name of Officer.	*Official Title.*
. . . . .	P. R. W. G. Chief.
. . . . .	R. W. G. Chief.
. . . . .	R. W. G. V.-Chief.
. . . . .	R. W. G. Secretary.
. . . . .	R. W. G. Treasurer.
. . . . .	R. W. G. Prelate.
. . . . .	R. W. G. Messenger.
. . . . .	R. W. G. Inside Sentinel.
. . . . .	R. W. G. Outside Sentinel.

These officers have been duly elected for the ensuing term.

R. W. G. Chief (presiding).—To officer to be installed: Do you feel that the office to which you have been elected is one of importance and trust?

Officer-elect: I do.

R. W. G. Chief (to the Grand Council).—Worthy associates and members, are you contented with the choice you have made?

Response: We are.

OBLIGATION.

R. W. G. Chief.—The several officers, now standing, will place their right hands upon their hearts and repeat, after me, the following:

I, ... , R. W. G. . . . . , in the presence of the R. W. G. Council, I. O. of St. Luke, here assem-

bled, do promise and declare that I will faithfully perform the duties of the office to which I have been elected.

I will support, maintain, and abide by the Constitution, Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the I. O. of St. Luke.

I furthermore promise to be loyal and true to the R. W. G. Council and the Order, and at the expiration of my term, or if by removal, I will deliver up all properties in my possession belonging to the R. W. G. Council and the Order, to those authorized to receive the same.

To the performance of which I hereby pledge my most sacred honor.

(Let the right hand fall)

Sing Ode—

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
  Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
  Just beyond the river.

HONORING OF P. R. W. G. CHIEF.

R. W. G. Messenger.—Right Worthy Grand Chief, I take pleasure in presenting to you . . . . . , who comes to receive the title of Past Right Worthy Grand Chief of the I. O. of St. Luke.

R. W. G. Chief.—I bid you welcome to your reward, and congratulate you upon your elevation to the rank of P. R. W. G. Chief of the I. O. of St. Luke, and I trust that, with your experience in the past, the fruit of your knowledge may be blended with that of your co-laborers for the future welfare of the Order.

I invest you with this badge of honor and in behalf of the P. R. W. G. Chiefs, extend to you the hand of fellowship.

Past Right Worthy Grand Chiefs and Associates, behold your P. R. W. G. Chief.

(All give shocks, by raising and lowering hands five times, bringing them together the last time. Respond: All hail.)

R. W. G. Messenger.—R. W. G. Chief, I present . . . . . to be installed R. W. G. Chief for the ensuing term. I believe he is truly worthy of this promotion, and will discharge his duties with credit to himself and honor to our Order.

R. W. G. Chief.—Esteemed brother, do you accept this office of R. W. G. Chief with a knowledge of the great responsibility attached to it?

Response: I do.

R. W. G. Chief.—In your acceptance of this office do you promise, in addition to all former obligations, that you will faithfully enforce the laws and act with prudence and justice towards the members and Subordinate Councils of the Order?

Response: I do.

R. W. G. Chief.—By command of the R. W. G. Council, I present you this Charter, the Laws, and this Gavel, and invest you with this Badge, which is the emblem of your office; to your care and keeping I commit this trust.

R. W. G. Chief, Acting (to the R. W. G. Council).—R. W. G. officers and members, behold our Right Worthy Grand Chief.

(All respond, and give shocks four times.)

[Passing around the room four times, the newly-elected R. W. G. C. shall take his station.]

While the R. W. G. Chief is being conducted to the station, sing one verse :

Help me to watch and pray,
And on Thyself rely;
Assured if I my trust betray,
I shall forever die.

R. W. G. Messenger.—R. W. G. Chief, I present . . . . . to be installed R. W. G. Vice-Chief, believing him to be truly worthy of your confidence and respect.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Vice-Chief, do you promise to assist your superior officer, and in event of a vacancy that you will act for him and assume the responsibilities of that important office?

Response : I do.

R. W. G. Chief.—Do you promise to attend and faithfully to perform your duties whenever the R. W. G. Council is in session?

Response: I will.

R. W. G. Chief.—In consequence of your willingness to discharge your duties, by command of the R. W. G. Council, I present you this gavel, these Laws, and now invest you with the badge of your office, and proclaim you duly installed.

R. W. G. Chief (to the R. W. G. Council).—Associates, behold our R. W. G. Vice-Chief.

All respond—So may it be—and give three shocks, and while the R. W. G. V.-Chief is being conducted

three times around the room to his position, the Grand Council will sing one verse of—

Brightly beams our Father's mercy
From His light-house evermore,
But to us He gives the keeping
Of the lights along the shore.

R. W. G. Prelate.—R. W. G. Chief, I present . . . . . to be installed R. W. G. Secretary, whom I believe is worthy, competent, and eligible to fill this important station with honor to himself and to the credit of the Order.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Secretary, your position is one of great trust and highly important, not only to the Grand Council, but to the Subordinate Councils also.

Will you be honest and faithful to your trust, and comply with the orders of the R. W. G. Chief and the instructions of the R. W. G. Council?

Response: All of this I sincerely promise and affirm.

R. W. G. Chief.—Having expressed your willingness to perform the duties of R. W. G. Secretary, you will be required to keep accurate minutes of all transactions of the R. W. G. Council; you are to collect all revenues; conduct correspondence; have charge of the secret works of the Order, and at the expiration of your term in office, all property, books, documents, and what other effects of the Grand Council that may be in your possession, you are to deliver the same to those lawfully authorized to receive them.

Response: All of this I promise upon my sacred honor.

R. W. G. Chief.—I invest you with this badge of your office, this list of the properties and valuables of the R. W. G. Council, and I trust that you will consider the responsibility resting upon you.

R. W. G. Chief (to the Grand Council).—Associates, behold our R. W. G. Secretary.

(All respond—All hail—and give three shocks.)

While the R. W. G. Secretary is being conducted to his station, passing three times around the room, sing :

Thro' this changing world below,
Lead me gently, gently as I go ;
Trusting Thee, I cannot stray,
I can never, never lose my way.

R. W. G. Messenger.—R. W. G. Chief, I now present to you . . . . . to be installed R. W. G. Treasurer, whom I believe is worthy and will honestly and faithfully discharge the trust the R. W. G. Council have imposed in him.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Treasurer, do you promise in the presence of the R. W. G. Council, now assembled, to receive and honestly keep in trust for the R. W. G. Council all moneys that as R. W. G. Treasurer you may come into possession of, and that you will promptly honor all orders drawn on you for money by the Grand Council, or R. W. G. Chief, when duly signed and sealed? Do you further promise to turn over to your successor at the expiration of your term of office, or whenever requested by the Grand Council, Grand Chief, or any committee legally appointed to receive the

same, all books, bonds, documents, moneys, and all other effects belonging to the I. O. of St. Luke?

Response: All of this I promise upon my sacred honor.

R. W. G. Chief.—I now invest you with this badge of your office and these funds, books, etc., hoping you will always be reminded by your pledge of the necessity of preserving your good name.

R. W. G. Chief (to the Grand Council).—Associates, behold our R. W. G. Treasurer.

(All give three shocks; Respond—All hail.)

While the R. W. G. Treasurer is conducted to his station, passing around the room three times, sing--

C. M.

We place reliance in your zeal,
And hope you'll ever be
A true custodian of the trust
This day we place in thee.

R. W. G. Messenger.—R. W. G. Chief, I present you . . . . . , to be installed R. W. G. Prelate. I believe that he is worthy of the position and that he will perform his duties satisfactorily.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Prelate, your position is one of very great honor. You are required to conduct the devotional exercises of the R. W. G. Council. One filling this office should be unspotted from vice and wickedness of this world. You are looked upon as a herald of peace, and by your example you should constrain those that you lead to select paths of purity, righteousness, and to perform acts of kindness. You will be re-

quired to conduct the devotional exercises at each session of the R. W. G. Council. Do you promise to perform these duties faithfully?

Response: I do.

R. W. G. Chief.—I invest you with this badge of your office and present you with this Bible, from which you can learn, and teach those who come within your influence, the words of eternal life.

R. W. G. Chief (to the R. W. G. Council).—Associates, behold our R. W. G. Prelate.

All respond, All hail, give two shocks, and while conducting him to his station, sing—

"Take the Name of Jesus with you."

R. W. G. Messenger.—R. W. G. Chief, I now present to you . . . . . to be installed R. W. G. Messenger. I believe he is fully qualified to perform his duties, and that he is worthy of the position.

R. W. G. Chief.—R. W. G. Messenger, you are required to make necessary arrangements for the comfort of those attending the sessions of the R. W. G. Council; at the installation you are required to introduce and conduct the Grand Officers to their several stations; receive and seat all visitors to the R. W. G. Council, and to perform such other duties as may be directed by the R. W. G. Chief. Do you promise to be punctual at each session, and to perform these services?

Response: I do.

R. W. G. Chief.—I therefore invest you with this badge, the emblem of your office.

R. W. G. Chief (to the Grand Council).—Associates, behold our R. W. G. Messenger.

(All respond, All hail; give two shocks.)

R. W. G. Messenger.—R. W. Grand Chief, I now present to you . . . . . , to be installed R. W. G. Inside Sentinel.

R. W. G. Chief.—Your duty demands that you receive the proper pass-word and see that every one is properly clothed before allowing them to enter the R. W. G. Council. See that no one is allowed to pass out without permission of the R. W. G. Chief. Will you endeavor to perform these duties?

Response: I will.

R. W. G. Chief.—I now invest you with your badge of office and present you with this sword.

R.. W. G. Chief (to the Grand Council).—Associates, behold our R. W. G. Inside Sentinel.

(All respond, All hail; give two shocks.)

R. W. G. Messenger.—R. W. G. Chief, I now present you . . . . . , to be installed R. W. G. Outside Sentinel. I have every right to believe he is qualified for the position and will faithfully discharge his duties.

R. W. G. Chief.—Your station is one of no minor importance. While strict, let your conduct be gentle and free from offence. Every one presenting themselves for entrance must prove themselves, according to our laws and usages, to be members of the I. O. of St. Luke. No one is to be allowed to enter the R. W. G. Council without the qualifications provided for in our rules. In all cases of doubt, submit the case to the R. W. G. Chief for his decision.

Do you promise to adhere to the laws and usages governing your station, and will you be responsible for all property placed in the ante-room during the meetings of the R. W. G. Council?

Response: I do.

R. W. G. Chief.—I take pleasure in investing you with this badge of your office, and present you with this sword as your defence.

R. W. G. Chief.—Associates, behold our R. W. G. Outside Sentinel.

(All respond, We hail. Give two shocks.)

(While the Messenger and Sentinels are being conducted to their stations sing the following—

Almighty Jehovah,
  Descend now and fill
This Council with Thy glory,
  Our hearts with good will.

Preside at our meetings,
  Assist us to find
True pleasure in teaching
  Good will to mankind—

or some other appropriate ode:

R. W. G. Chief (to the R. G. Council).—I, . . . , acting for and in behalf of the R. W. G. Council I. O. of St. Luke, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, declare the Grand Officers of the ensuing term duly installed.

All respond: So may it be.

N. B.—In using this ceremony, substitute words to those appointed or elected to act.

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